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LETTER DATED 21 OCTOBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that an Iranian aircraft violated Iraqi airspace in the area of Mandali at 1600 hours on 18 October 1992. The aircraft flew some 80 to 100 kilometres inside Iraqi airspace, penetrating 5-10 kilometres beyond the border, at an altitude of 7,500 metres and a speed of 900 kilometres per hour.

This provocative act constitutes a flagrant violation of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries and a solid indication of Iran's evil intentions towards Iraq, as well as reflecting Iran's unwillingness to establish security and stability along the common border. Coming as it does at a time of fresh incidents of infiltration by individuals pressed into acts of sabotage inside Iraq by the Iranian regime, the Government of the Republic of Iraq vigorously protests against this act of aggression, holds the Iranian side fully responsible for such acts - which are subject to international prohibition - and demands that Iran desist from such action in the future.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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